King Hendricks papers, 1922-1970

Overview of the Collection

**Creator**  Hendricks, King.

**Title**  King Hendricks papers

**Dates**  1922-1970 (inclusive)

**Quantity**  3 boxes, (1.25 linear feet)

**Collection Number**  ULA_USU_COLL_MSS 441

**Summary**  This collection consists of professional materials collected by King Hendricks, a former Utah State University librarian, professor, and administrator.

**Repository**  Utah State University, Merrill-Cazier Library, Special Collections and Archives Division

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**Access Restrictions**  No restrictions on use, except: not available through interlibrary loan.

**Languages**  English

Biographical Note

King Hendricks was born in Richmond, Utah, on September 2, 1900, to James Warren Hendricks and Elizabeth Almira Merrill. He married Hazel Barbara Hartle on February 16, 1923, and graduated from Utah Agricultural College (now Utah State University) that same year. He then began teaching at the Branch Agricultural College (now Southern Utah University), a position he held until 1935. He graduated with a master's degree from Stanford in 1926 and later attended the University of Berlin from 1929 to 1930. Upon his departure from the Branch Agricultural College, Hendricks returned to Cache Valley where he guided many master's theses in literature and language studies at Utah State Agricultural College. He got his Ph.D. from Stanford in 1941.

Hendricks served as a librarian, English professor, and an administrator at USAC, and was also a prolific writer. His publications include Yankee Stories and Glimpses of America (1930) with Wilhelm Sundermeyer, Technical Writing (1948) with Laurence Alexander Stoddard, and Communications Skills: The Basic Course (1958) with Hubert W. Smith, Moyle Q. Rice, and Rex E. Robinson. He also edited the Utah State University Monograph Series.

Hendricks was largely responsible for bringing the Jack and Charmian London books and manuscripts to the University. Thanks to his relationship with Irving Shepard, Utah State University now has one of the largest Jack London collections in the world, second only to Huntington Library. His books about London include Creator and Critic, a Controversy between Jack London and Phil M. Buck, Jr. (1962),

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King Hendricks was affiliated with the American Council of Teachers of English, Utah Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, the American Dialect Society, and the American Committee on Comparative Literature. From 1950 to 1956, he served as a vice-president of the NCAA over region 7, and was also the chairman of the USU Inter-Collegiate Athletics Council. In 1955, he became head of the USU English and Journalism Department.

King Hendricks died on April 19, 1970.

Content Description

This collection contains some of Hendricks' correspondence with USU and the NCAA, as well as subject files about topics such as Russian literature, Middle English philosophy, and folklore. Also included is a typescript of Communication Skills: The Basic Course, a textbook that Hendricks co-authored with Hubert W. Smith, Moyle Q. Rice, and Rex E. Robinson.

It appears that a processor refoldered and labeled the materials many years prior to final processing. These folders and their titles were retained since they may reflect Hendricks’s original organization.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain any necessary copyright clearances.

Permission to publish material from the King Hendricks papers must be obtained from the Special Collections Manuscript Curator and/or the Special Collections Department Head.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by document type.

Processing Note

Processed in November of 2013

Acquisition Information

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The provenance of this collection is unknown, though it was likely donated by Hendricks himself given his close connection to the university library.

**Related Materials**

For material relating to Hendricks's research of Jack London, see the papers of Jack and Charmian London, [Coll Mss 10](#).

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**Detailed Description of the Collection**

**King Hendricks Writings and Correspondence, 1922-1970**

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### Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms:**
- College teachers--Utah--Logan.
- Librarians--Utah--Logan.

**Personal Names:**
- Hedricks, King, 1900-1970. Communication skills.
- Hedricks, King, 1900-1970.
- Hedricks, King, 1900-1970--Correspondence.
- London, Jack, 1876-1916

**Corporate Names:**
- Utah State Agricultural College--Faculty
- Utah State University--Faculty.

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